

Amendment No. 1 to HB1174

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1400

House Bill No. 1174*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4302, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) As used in this subsection (), "school resource officer" or "SRO" has the same meaning as school resource officer as defined in § 49-6-4202.

(2) The Tennessee school safety center shall award SRO grants to LEAs in order for each LEA to have at least one (1) full-time SRO assigned to each school in the LEA.

(3) SRO grants are supplemental to any state education funding allocated to an LEA in accordance with the Tennessee investment in student achievement formula (TISA).

(4) An LEA that receives an SRO grant under this subsection () is not impaired, inhibited, or prevented from receiving other grant funds that may be available pursuant to § 38-8-115, or another law or program.

(5)

(A) The awarding of SRO grants in a fiscal year is subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated to the Tennessee school safety center for such purpose by the general assembly.

(B) The center shall only expend funds appropriated to the center for SRO grants as authorized in this subsection ().

(C) SRO grants must reimburse an eligible LEA in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for each school in the LEA that employs at least one (1) full-time school resource officer.

(D) SRO grants must be awarded until each LEA receives one (1) SRO grant for each school in the LEA in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or until all moneys in the SRO grant fund have been exhausted, whichever occurs first.

(E) Amounts appropriated to the center for SRO grants that remain unexpended at the end of each fiscal year must be carried forward until expended in accordance with this subsection ().

(6) An LEA applying for an SRO grant shall submit an application, in a form prescribed by the director of the Tennessee school safety center, along with all supporting documentation required by the director, by July 15 immediately following the close of the school year for which an SRO grant is sought. An LEA that fails to submit an application by the July 15 deadline is not eligible to receive an SRO grant. By September 15 immediately following the July 15 deadline, the director shall notify the LEA of the amount of an SRO grant available to the LEA.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.